

VETERANS HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to expand the VA's authority to contract for health care services and to provide the agency with added flexibility to reorganize its field offices, S. 293, to authorize the payment to States of per diem for veterans receiving adult day health care, S. 403, to provide for the organization and administration of the Readjustment Counseling Service, to improve eligibility for readjustment counseling and related counseling, S. 425, to require the establishment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of mental illness research, education, and clinical centers, S. 548, to provide quality standards for mammograms performed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 612, to provide for a hospice care pilot program for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 644, to reauthorize the establishment of research corporations in the Veterans Health Administration, after receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; and John Vitikacs, American Legion, James N. Magill, Veterans of Foreign Wars, David W.

Gorman, Disabled American Veterans, and Terry Grandison, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE—LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded hearings to review recommendations to improve the coordination and cooperation between the intelligence and law enforcement communities, after receiving testimony from Jamie S. Gorelick, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Jeff Smith, Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency.

Also, committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee met to discuss the status of the hearings to examine issues relating to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 2528–2536, and 2 private bills, H.R. 2537, H. Res. 244; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 109–110 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2020, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–291); and

H. Res. 245, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 109, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for reform of the social security earnings limit, and providing for further consideration of H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget (H. Rept. 104–292).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Barrett of Nebraska to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of today. Page H10749

Transportation Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 735, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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H. Res. 241, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Line Item Veto: By a yea-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 44 nays, the House agreed to the Deutsch motion to instruct House conferees in the conference on S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce authority, to insist upon the inclusion of provisions to require that the bill apply to the targeted tax benefit provisions of any revenue or reconciliation bill enacted into law during or after fiscal year 1995.

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Privilege of the House: By a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 737, the House agreed to the Arney motion to table H. Res. 244, to direct

the Speaker to provide an appropriate remedy in response to the use of a forged document at a subcommittee hearing.

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Budget Reconciliation: Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, October 24, the House completed three hours of general debate on H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Further consideration will continue on Thursday, October 26, under a rule.

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Recess: House recessed at 9:54 p.m. and reconvened at 1 a.m. on Thursday, October 26.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10749.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10772–73, H10779, and H10780–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 1:03 a.m. on Thursday, October 26.

Committee Meetings

RURAL DEVELOPMENT REFORMS AND AGRICULTURE RELIEF AND TRADE ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing to consider rural development reforms and the Agricultural Relief and Trade Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Economic and Community Development Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MARKETS AND TRADING REORGANIZATION, AND REFORM ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued hearings on H.R. 718, Markets and Trading Reorganization and Reform Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Financial Institutions and Market Issues Division, GAO: Jim Bothwell, Director; Helen Hsing, Associate Director; Michael Burnett, Assistant Director; and Frank J. Philippi, Evaluator.

HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 657, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of three hydroelectric projects in the State of Arkansas; H.R. 680, to extend the time for construction of certain FERC licensed hydro projects; H.R. 1011,

to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Ohio; H.R. 1014, amended, to authorize extension of time limitation for a FERC-issued hydroelectric license; H.R. 1051, to provide for the extension of certain hydroelectric projects located in the State of West Virginia; H.R. 1290, amended, to reinstate the permit for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Oregon; H.R. 1335, to provide for the extension of a hydroelectric project located in the State of West Virginia; H.R. 1366, to authorize the extension of time limitation for the FERC-issued hydroelectric license for the Mt. Hope waterpower project; and H.R. 1835, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Oregon.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held an oversight hearing on the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Testimony was heard from Representatives Knollenberg and Bateman; and public witnesses.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service concluded hearings on Civil Service Reform I: NPR and the Case for Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CENSUS BUREAU

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held an oversight hearing on Census Bureau: Preparations for the 2000 Census. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Francis D. DeGeorge, Inspector General; and Martha Farnsworth Riche, Director, Bureau of the Census; and L. Nye Stevens, Director, Planning and Reporting, General Government Division, GAO.

FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT AMENDMENTS; ANDERSON v. ROSE; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported H.R. 2527, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to improve the electoral process by permitting electronic filing and preservation of Federal Election Commission reports.

The Committee approved a motion to dismiss the election contest in the 7th District of North Carolina, Anderson versus Rose.

The Committee also approved other pending committee business.